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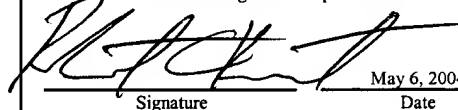
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Title: MECHANISM AND  
APPARATUS FOR  
SPAWNING NEW  
REPOSITORY SPACES IN  
A DISTRIBUTED  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of February 25, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.